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SUBJ: UNGA SPECIAL SESSION: CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE MEETING

APRIL 26

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SUMMARY: CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE MORNING APRIL 26, AFTER
TIE VOTE ON SENEGALESE PROPOSAL THAT WOULD HAVE APPROVED
ALL CREDENTIALS EXCEPTING SAG, TOOK NO FURTHER ACTION ON
CREDENTIALS, THUS REFERRING MATTER TO PLENARY. END SUMMARY.

1. CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE, RESUMING APRIL 26, OPENED WITH
CIRCULATION BY CHAIRMAN (URUGUAY) OF ANONYMOUSLY-SPONSORED
LANGUAGE THAT HE HOPED WOULD PERMIT CONSENSUS.

QUOTE: THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE,

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE DECISIONS TAKEN BY, AND THE

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RESERVATIONS EXPRESSED AT, THE 28TH REGULAR SESSION OF THE

GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

ACCEPTS THE CREDENTIALS OF ALL THE REPRESENTATIVES
OF THE MEMBER STATES TO THE 6TH SPECIAL SESSION OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY. UNQUOTE.

2. TANZANIA AND SENEGAL, SUPPORTED BY CHINA AND USSR,
REJECTED LANGUAGE, SAID THAT MAXIMUM CONCESSION POSSIBLE
WAS LANGUAGE REPORTED REFTEL PARA 3 WITH SUBSTITUTION OF
"SUBJECT TO" FOR "TAKING INTO ACCOUNT"; AND PROPOSED, SINCE
"SUBJECT TO" WAS UNACCEPTABLE TO OTHERS IN COMMITTEE, IMMEDIATE
DIALE VOTE ON FOLLOWING:

QUOTE: CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE ACCEPTS CREDENTIALS OF
ALL REPRESENTATIVES OF STATES MEMBERS AT SIXTH SPECIAL
SESSION, EXCEPTING CREDENTIALS OF SOUTH AFRICA. UNQUOTE.

ABOVE FOUR VOTED IN FAVOR; US, JAPAN, NICARAGUA AND URUGUAY
VOTED AGAINST, AND GREEK REP DID NOT PARTICIPATE, EXPLAINING
THAT HE DID NOT FEEL "NEW DECISION" SHOULD BE TAKEN ON
CREDENTIALS.

3. AFTER CHAIRMAN RULED, UNDER RULE 134 OF RULES OF PROCEDURE,
THAT TIE VOTE MEANT PROPOSAL REJECTED, CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE
ACCEPTED, WITHOUT OBJECTION, AFRICAN PROPOSAL THAT CC TAKE NO
FURTHER ACTION BUT INSTEAD FORWARD REPORT TO PLENARY
REFLECTING 4 - 4 - 0 VOTE.

4. CC MEETING ADJOURNED AFTER ROUND OF STATEMENTS FOR RECORD
ON CREDENTIALS OF PORTUGAL (WITH PASSING MENTION BY
SENEGAL OF NEW GOVERNMENT IN LISBON) AND ON CREDENTIALS
OF KHMER (INCLUDING US) REJECTION CHINESE ALLEGATIONS
REGARDING US ROLE- SEPTEL).

5. LEGA COUNSEL SUY BEFORE MEETING ADJOURNED BEGAN INFORMAL
CONSULTATIONS ON LANGUAGE THAT HE HOPES MIGHT PERMIT
CONSENSUS IN PLENARY, WITH AIM OF AVOIDING RENEWED DEBATE
THERE ON SAG. SUY WOULD HAVE GA ACCEPT ALL CREDENTIALS
SUBJECT TO (OR BEING GUIDED BY) DECISIONS TAKEN BY
AND RESERVATIONS EXPRESSED DURING 28TH GA. PLENARY EXPECTED
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TAKE UP CREDENTIALS APRIL 30.

6. COMMENT: DURING BOTH CC SESSIONS, AFRICANS REFERRED
TO NEED FOR "MORE REPRESENTATIVE" COMPOSITION OF CC, WHICH
HERETOFORE HAS BEEN WEIGHTED IN FAVOR OF SAG AND KHMER.
THIS COUPLED WITH ANTI-GKR DELEGATIONS' RE-AFFIRMATION
THAT THEY WOULD ATTACK KHMER CREDENTIALS AT 29TH GA WILL
FURTHER HANDICAP GKR POSITION NEXT FALL.

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